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Title: NEW GLUTATHIONE S-TRANSFERASE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001 (Paper No. 8), the period of time for response having been extended until October 19, 2001, by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In another embodiment, sequences encoding GSTS may be synthesized, in whole or in part, using chemical methods well known in the art (see Caruthers, M.H. et al. (1980) Nucl. Acids Symp. Ser. (7)215-223, Horn, T. et al. (1980) Nucl. Acids Symp. Ser. (7)225-232). Alternatively, the protein itself may be produced using chemical methods to synthesize the amino acid sequence of GSTS,

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